

The Native American Congressional Internship Program provides Native American students with an insider's view of the federal government. Each year, the Morris K. Udall Foundation funds 12 Native Americans or Alaska Natives for a ten-week internship in Washington, D.C. Interns are placed in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making processes first-hand, including attending hearings and votes in the House and Senate. The intensive experience fosters life-long bonds with fellow interns and connections to an extensive network of alumni.

Who Are Udall Interns

Udall Interns have pursued a variety of majors and fields of study, among them, American Indian Studies, Political Science, Law or Pre-law, Psychology, Social Work, History, Business or Public Administration, Anthropology, Community and Urban Planning, Architecture, Communications, Health Sciences, Public Health, Biology, Engineering, Sociology, Environmental Studies or Natural Resources, Economics, and Justice Studies.

Regardless of field of study, a successful applicant will demonstrate:

- Strong research and writing skills;
- Organizational abilities and time management skills;
- Maturity and responsibility;
- Interest in learning how the federal government “really works;”
- Commitment to his or her tribal community;
- Knowledge of Congressman Udall’s legacy with regard to Native Americans;
- Awareness of issues and challenges currently facing Indian Country.

“The Udall Foundation provides members of our communities with the opportunity not merely to learn, but to experience the process that impacts our communities.”

Lannesse Baker, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, 2004 Udall Intern

“This experience has developed even a stronger call for me to help our Native people.”

Erin Dunnagan, Miami Nation, 2004 Udall Intern

“This experience is a must—nowhere else will you be able to jump right into the middle of Capitol Hill and make a difference.”

Hillary Renick, Pomo/Paiute Shoshone, 2002 Udall Intern

Who Can Apply

Each applicant must:

- Fall under the Foundation’s definition of Native American or Alaska Native;*
- Be a junior or senior level college student, a recent graduate from a tribal or four-year college, or a graduate or law student;
- Have a college grade-point average of at least a “B” or the equivalent;
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or U.S. national.

* For the purposes of the Scholarship Program, a Native American or Alaska Native is any individual who is:

- A member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the tribe or band, including any tribe or band terminated since 1940 and any tribe recognized by the state in which the tribe or band resides;
- A descendant in first or second degree of a member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the tribe or band, who can demonstrate affiliation with the tribal community according to criteria set by the Foundation;
- Considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose;
- An Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native;
- A permanent U.S. resident who is a member of the First Nations of Canada.

Applicants must submit copies of relevant enrollment forms or descent documentation. Applicants who are members of the First Nations of Canada must submit proof of U.S. permanent residency.

Provisions and Benefits

The Udall Foundation provides interns with:

- Placement in a Congressional office or federal agency in Washington, D.C.;
- A two-day Orientation to introduce interns to Washington, D.C. and the Internship Program;
- Meetings with distinguished members of Congress, Supreme Court Justices, and directors and staff of federal agencies;
- Specially arranged tours of federal buildings and national museums;
- Community-style living convenient to Capitol Hill with on-site coordinator;
- Roundtrip airfare to and from D.C., and a daily allowance for meals, transportation and incidentals;
- A \$1,200 educational stipend upon completion of the internship.

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER 2005

2006 Internship application materials available for distribution and on Foundation website.

JANUARY 31, 2006

Receipt deadline for applications.

FEBRUARY 2006

Internship Selection Committee meets to review applications and select Interns. Applicants notified of final status.

MARCH 2006

Intern Acceptance and Travel Reply forms due.

APRIL 2006

Native American Congressional Interns announced on website.

MAY 28–AUGUST 6, 2006

Internship Program.

Application Deadline

Application deadline: January 31, 2006.

For more information and a copy of the application, go to

www.udall.gov/p_internships.asp or contact:

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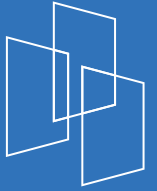
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